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1. PER REF TELCON, U.S. GROUP INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP ANY INFO EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP RE POSSIBLE VISIT OF ITALIAN IPU GROUP TO U.S. BEGINNING NOVEMBER 17. PER CONVERSATION BETWEEN KIMBALL AND SENATOR GIUSEPPE VEDOVATO, HEAD OF ITALIAN DELEGATION AT TOKYO IPU CONFERENCE, U.S. GROUP UNDERSTANDS ITALIAN GROUP PLANS ARRIVE DULLES VIA TWA-735 NOVEMBER 17 AND LEAVE NEW YORK NOVEMBER 25 OR 26.

2. EMBASSY WILL RECALL CORRESPONDENCE FROM SENATOR JOHN SPARKMAN TO AMBASSADOR VOLPE AND TO GIULIO ANDREOTTI IN APRIL AND JULY CONCERNING U.S. INVITATION TO HOST SUCH VISIT. VEDOVATO ALSO WAS CONTACTED AT BUCHAREST AND GENEVA MEETINGS IN EFFORT TO PROMOTE ITALIAN INTEREST.

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3. BEYOND VEDOVATO'S ORAL ADVICE AT TOKYO, HOWEVER, U.S.

GROUP HAS HAD NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE. U.S. GROUP POINTS OUT THAT LIMITED TIME REMAINING BETWEEN NOW AND AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE IN ALL PROBABILITY WOULD NOT PERMIT A SELECTION OF DATES AND THE COMPLETE PLANNING NECESSARY TO MAKE THE VISIT A SUCCESS. ON SUCH A PROBABILITY, INVITATION CAN BE RE-EXTENDED TO COVER DATES IN DECEMBER OR EARLY JANUARY WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE EARLIEST VISIT AGREEABLE TO BOTH GROUPS.

4. BUCHAREST CONVERSATION AND AGREEMENT IN APRIL DETERMINED THAT ITALIAN DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF NO MORE THAN TEN REPEAT TEN MEMBERS INCLUDING STAFF; THAT TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE U.S. WOULD BE DEFRAID BY ITALIAN GROUP, BUT THAT ALL TRANSPORT AND SUBSISTENCE OF ITALIANS IN U.S. WOULD BE AT EXPENSE OF U.S. GROUP; THAT LUNCHEON MEETINGS WOULD BE ARRANGED AT CONGRESS; THAT SOME TRAVEL WOULD BE PROGRAMMED WITHIN THE U.S. AND AGAIN AT U.S. EXPENSE; AND THAT THE PERIOD OF THE VISIT WOULD RUN SEVEN/EIGHT DAYS.

5. SUPPLEMENTARY TO INFO PASSED TELCON, U.S. GROUP ASSUMES THAT ANYTHING IN REPLY MIGHT COME DIRECTLY FROM ANDREOTTI AS PRESIDENT OF ITALIAN GROUP. U.S. GROUP WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT ANDREOTTI MIGHT ACCEPT ITS PERSONAL INVITATION FOR HIM TO HEAD VISITING DELEGATION. IN THIS REGARD, EMBASSY MIGHT WISH TO CONSULT WITH DOTT. NICOLA RICCIUTI, CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES WHO WOULD HAVE STAFF KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ITALIAN PREPARATIONS. INGERSOLL

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